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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: April 14, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of contract with Penfield and Smith for work on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of contract with Penfield and Smith for work on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Background: On June 10, 2009, the California Coastal Commission voted unanimously 12 to 0 to approve the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)-proposed amendment to the Malibu Local Coastal Program. This action created an overlay for increased public access to public lands in Malibu through an expanded trail network and the development of campsites in multiple locations. The Conservancy and MRCA have released for public comment a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) addressing the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan, including several project alternatives.

Penfield and Smith has done the majority of the civil engineering, hydrology and mapping work for the proposed project and alternative sites in Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County contained in the DEIR. In response to comments received from agencies and other members of the public, MRCA staff is currently considering project changes. Penfield and Smith would prepare new concept plans (numerous sheets) reflecting those changes. Penfield and Smith would also provide technical assistance to the California Environmental Quality Act consultant, in order to provide adequate responses to the comment letters.

The proposal from Penfield & Smith outlining the additional work contemplated under this amendment will be provided at the meeting.

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Consideration: The contract amendment will not exceed \$25,000. Funding for this contract would come from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant number SMM-0776.